







*Marymount Convent School*  
**Recommended English Reading List**  
**For Primary 2 Pupils**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome your daughter to Primary Two! We look forward to helping your child continue to develop the skills and abilities that will enable her to become a successful, life-long learner.

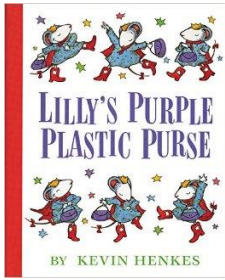
You are your daughter's first and most important teacher. Reading serves as the major foundational skill for all school-based learning. Helping your child develop into a proficient reader is a gift that will last a lifetime. These few, simple strategies and actions during the early months can make a significant difference in helping your child maintain and extend her literacy skills.

-  **Read aloud together with your daughter every day.**
-  **Take turns reading. Your daughter can read books to you, younger siblings, and older siblings.**
-  **Older siblings can take turns reading as well.**
-  **Read your daughter's favourite book over and over again.**
-  **Don't forget to pack a book wherever you go during the holidays.**
-  **Visit the public library regularly to borrow books that are not found in the school library.**

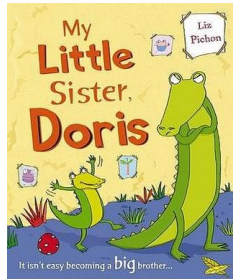
We hope this is the beginning of an enjoyable and enriching journey for your child and you!

**Happy Reading!**

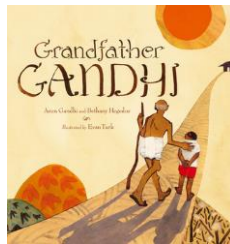
## Picture Books



**Lily's Purple Plastic Purse**  
by Kevin Henkes



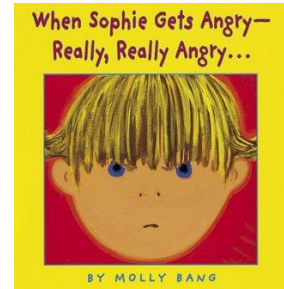
**My Little Sister, Doris**  
by Liz Pichon



**Grandfather Gandhi**  
by Arun Gandhi

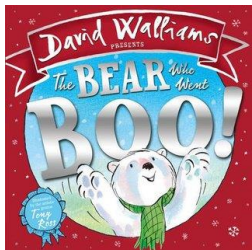


**Exclamation Mark**  
by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

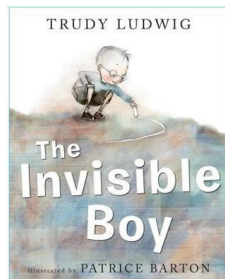


**When Sophie gets Angry—Really, Really Angry ...**  
by Molly Bang

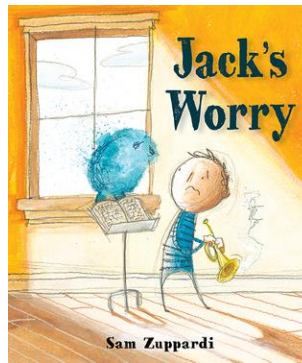
## More Popular Picture Books



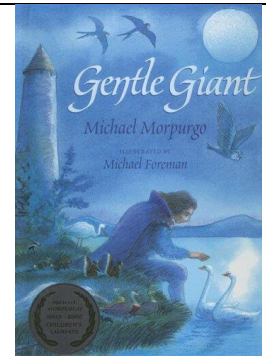
**The Bear who Went Boo!**  
By David Walliams



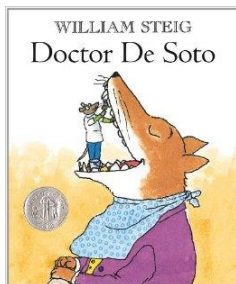
**The Invisible Boy**  
by Trudy Ludwig



**Jack's Worry** by Sam Zuppardi



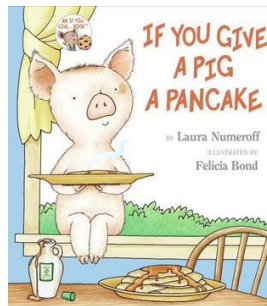
**Gentle Giant** by Michael Morpurgo



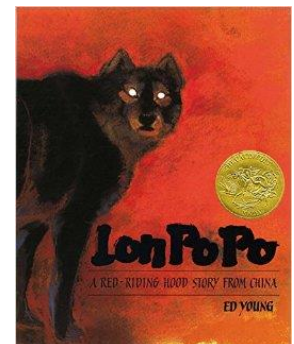
**Doctor De Soto** by William Steig



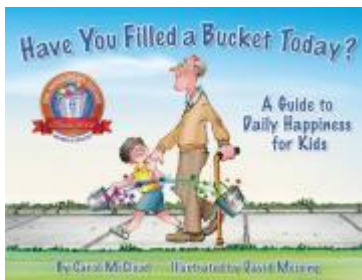
**Madeline** by Ludwig Bemelmans



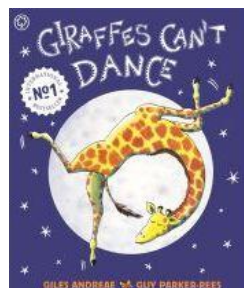
**If You Give a Pig a Pancake** by Laura Numeroff



**Lon Po Po** by Ed Young



**Have You Filled a Bucket Today?** by Carol McCloud



**Giraffes Can't Dance** by Giles Andreae

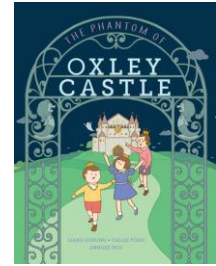
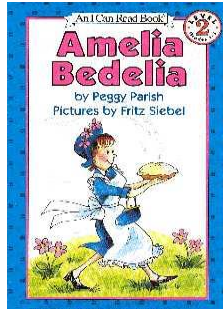
## Beginning Reader Series

Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parrish

Junie B Jones by Barbara Park

Freckle Juice by Judy Blume

The Phantom of Oxley Castle by  
Liana Gurung, Chloe Tong,  
Angee Neo



## Family Read-Alouds

The Keeping Quilt by Patricia Polacco

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

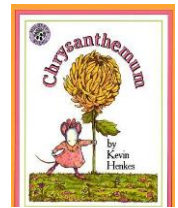
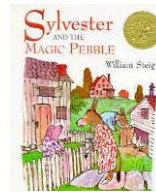
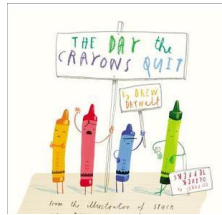
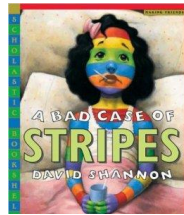
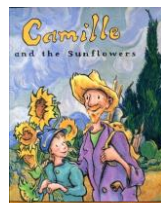
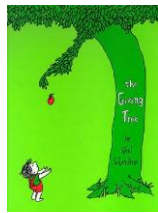
Camille and the Sunflowers by L Anholt

Bad case of Stripes by David Shannon

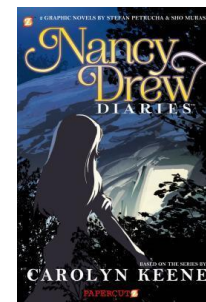
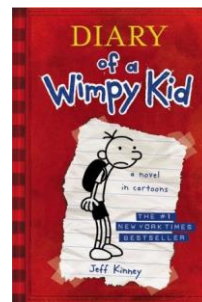
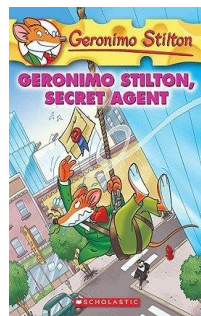
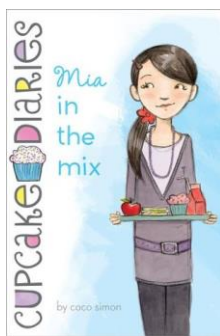
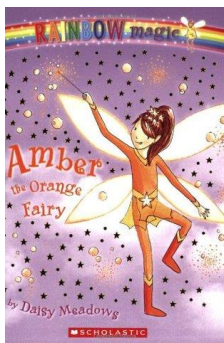
The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywatt

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig

Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes



## For Intermediate Readers



Rainbow Magic series

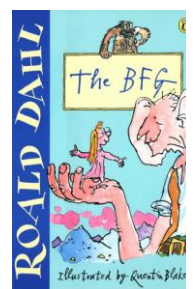
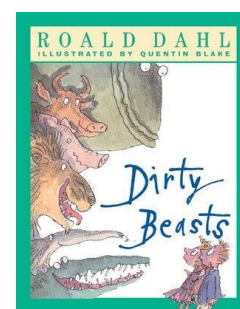
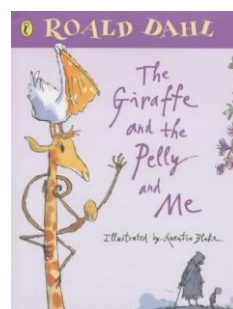
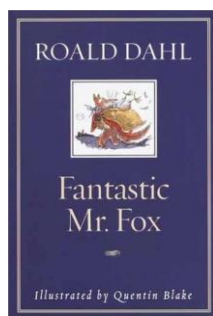
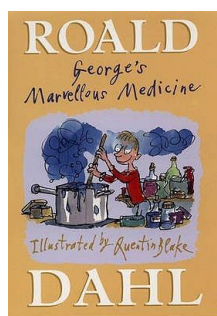
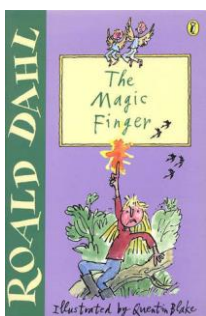
Cupcake Diaries

Geronimo Stilton

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Nancy Drew Diaries

## Books by Roald Dahl



The Magic Finger

George's Marvellous  
Medicine

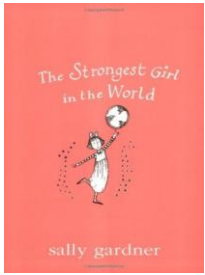
Fantastic Mr Fox

The Giraffe and the  
Pelly and Me

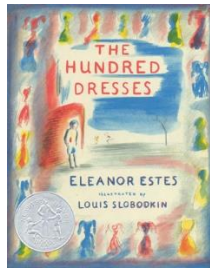
Dirty Beasts

The BFG

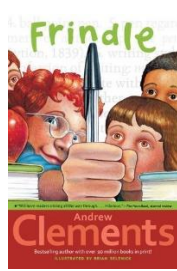
## For Advanced Readers



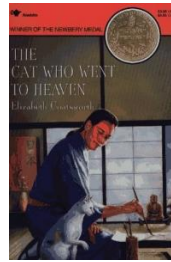
**The Strongest Girl in the World** by Sally Gardner



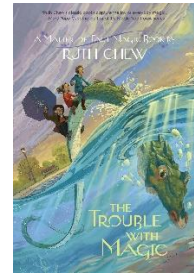
**The Hundred Dresses** by Eleanor Estes



**Frindle** by Andrew Clements

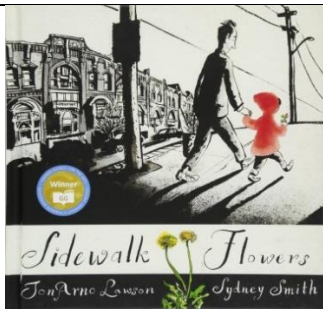


**The Cat Who Went To Heaven** by Elizabeth Coatworth

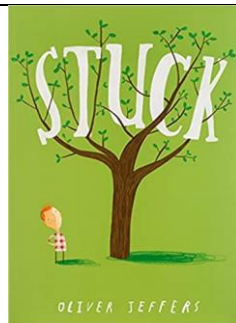


**The Trouble with Magic** by Ruth Chew

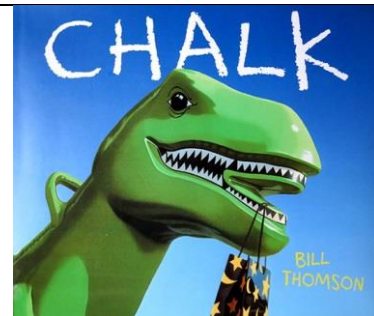
## Wordless Books



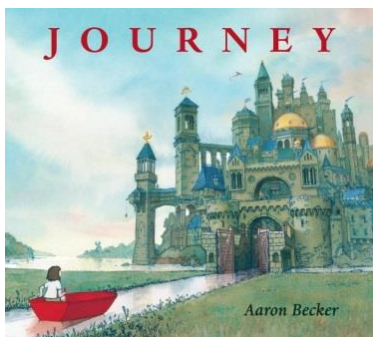
**Sidewalk Flowers** by Jon Arno Lawson



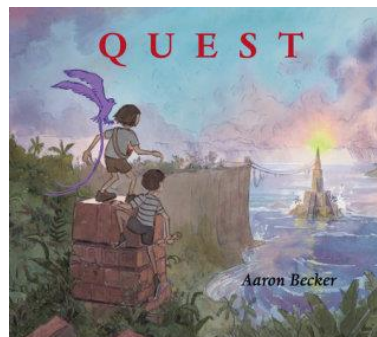
**Stuck** by Oliver Jeffers



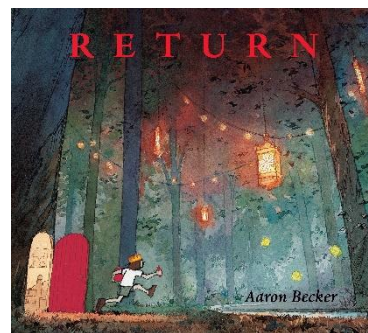
**Chalk** by Bill Thomson



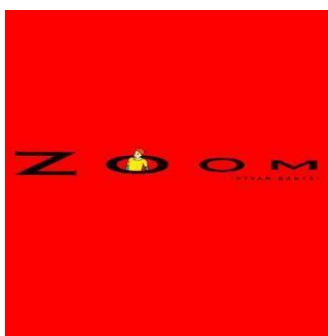
**Journey** by Aaron Becker



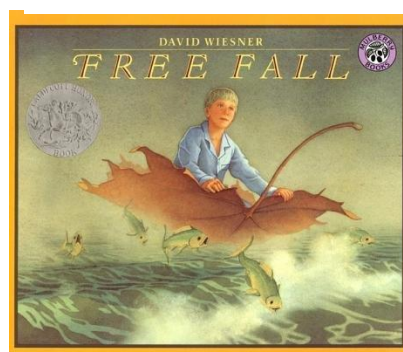
**Quest** by Aaron Becker



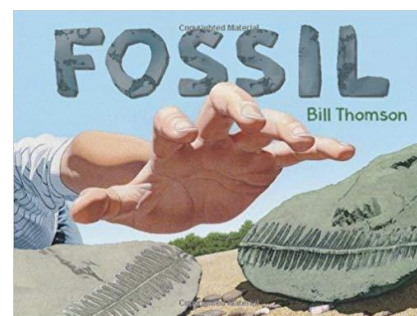
**Return** by Aaron Becker



**Zoom** by Istvan Banyai








**Free Fall** by David Wiesner



**Fossil** by Bill Thomson

Wordless picture books are told entirely through their illustrations. Sharing wordless books with a child enables her to listen and speak, and create her own story in her own words.

Some tips for sharing wordless picture books with a child:

-  **Recognize that there are no "right" or "wrong" ways to read a wordless book.**
-  **Spend time looking at the cover and talking about the title of the book. Predict what the story is about.**
-  **Enjoy the illustrations. Look carefully at the expressions on characters' faces, the setting and the use of colour. Talk to each other about the pictures.**
-  **Encourage your child to "read" you the book with her story. Focus on the words your child uses when she tells the story.**
-  **Expand her sentences or thoughts by encouraging her to add information from the illustration's details. Use "W" questions: Who? Where? When? Why?**